

Pain Management Committee Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2002

Based on discussion and an electronic survey the following DRAFT of Priorities & Recommendations was developed.

Education & Training:

- Nursing and Medical students should receive both didactic and clinical application to pain management.
 - Clinical rotation modules
- Residents should be required to view the Board of Physician Quality Assurance (BPOA) video, "A Sense of Balance," before receiving licensure.
 - A Sense of Balance, is a videotape presentation on drugs, chronic pain, and related subjects including appropriate prescribing of controlled drugs, over prescribing, the addicted physician and identifying the drug seeking patient. This video presents the position of the Maryland Medical Board as well as that of the Federation of State Medical Boards on prescribing to patients with pain.
 - This video should be digitally transferred to the web for ease and increased access.
- Practicing physicians/ specialists should receive a discount on malpractice insurance for continuing education in the area of Pain Management.
- RN's, NP's, Pharmacists and other healthcare providers should be required to have earned continuing education credits in the area of Pain Management before re-certification is issued.

Regulatory/ Insurance/ Policy:

- Modify State regulations to increase availability, prescribing and payment of pain medications. (Regarding educating state board members and the insurance commission regarding cancer pain management.)
- Fund pool for nursing care (Is this where it was intended to be placed or above somewhere? My Notes are unclear – is this the education and enforcement of the core competency statement?)

Additional Categories to consider:

1. Public Relations & the Community
2. Assessment
3. Disparities & Cultural Barriers (*national standards on Cultural Competence*)
4. Alternative Therapies
5. Advanced Directives
6. Accountability (*electronic medical records – EMR's*)
7. Patient Adherence
8. Access